Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Helen Francis Halverson, and we are richer because Helen lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Helen was born November 19, 1917, in Wentworth, South Dakota, to Lewis and Sarah Johnson, and she attended Wentworth High School, and,

Whereas, Helen married Lloyd Halverson on December 24, 1941, resided on the Halverson homestead in Lake County, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Helen resides at Bethel Lutheran Home in Madison, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2017, as

HELEN HALVERSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State